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In re U.S. Patent Application of)
MUKAIDA et al.)
Application Number: 10/567,681)
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For: POLYPEPTIDE SPECIFIC TO LIVER CANCER)
POLYNUCLEOTIDE CODING FOR THE)
POLYPEPTIDE, AND RNA MOLECULE)
INHIBITING EXPRESSION OF THE POLYPEPTIDE)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant has amended the claims in order to eliminate the multiple dependent claims in accordance with standard U.S. practice. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: